

An act (S. 3199) for the relief of A. M. Short;
An act (S. 5088) to aid the Western Alaska Construction Company;

An act (S. 5567) to exclude from the Yosemite National Park, California, certain lands therein described and to attach to and include the said lands in the Sierra Forest Reserve; and

An act (S. 5704) to incorporate the American National Red Cross.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bills; in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

An act (H. R. 2052) for the relief of Ramon O. Williams and Joseph A. Springer;

An act (H. R. 3109) for the relief of Noah Dillard;

An act (H. R. 3619) for the relief of David V. Howell;

An act (H. R. 3950) for the relief of W. R. Akers, of Alliance, Nebr.;

An act (H. R. 6351) to pay J. B. McRae \$99 for services as hospital steward, etc.;

An act (H. R. 6375) for the relief of the executors of the estate of Henry Lee, deceased;

An act (H. R. 9090) to provide United States registry for the steamer *Success*;

An act (H. R. 9091) to provide registry for the steamer *Marie*;

An act (H. R. 9758) for the relief of the heirs of George McGhehey for services rendered as mail contractor;

An act (H. R. 10089) for the relief of R. D. Ashford, of Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y.;

An act (H. R. 10558) referring the claim of Hannah S. Crane and others to the Court of Claims;

An act (H. R. 11370) to relieve the Italian-Swiss Agricultural Colony from the internal-revenue tax on certain spirits destroyed by fire;

An act (H. R. 11664) to reimburse the Illinois Central Railroad Company for damage to union depot at Louisville, Ky., by blasting in the Ohio River;

An act (H. R. 11802) for the relief of Adolph Spiegel as the successor of the firm of Spiegel, Finkelstein & Co.;

An act (H. R. 15011) to open to homestead settlement and entry the relinquished and undisposed of portions of the Round Valley Indian Reservation in the State of California, and for other purposes;

An act (H. R. 15981) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Pearl and Leaf Rivers Railroad Company to bridge Pearl River, in the State of Mississippi; and

An act (H. R. 16160) granting to Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co., license to make excavations and place footings in the soil of certain land belonging to the United States at St. Paul, Minn.

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVALS.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. RUDOLPH FORSTER, one of his secretaries, announced that the President had on the 19th instant approved and signed the following acts:

An act (S. 3329) granting a pension to Mary E. Strong;

An act (S. 5184) granting a pension to Ethel Talley;

An act (S. 5263) granting a pension to Annie M. Eopolucci;

An act (S. 5484) granting a pension to Burnetta B. Lehmann;

An act (S. 2578) granting an increase of pension to Sylvester Beezley;

An act (S. 2745) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Howard;

An act (S. 2893) granting an increase of pension to Emanuel Morter;

An act (S. 3033) granting an increase of pension to Charles B. Williams;

An act (S. 3175) granting an increase of pension to Rachel H. Coleman;

An act (S. 3414) granting an increase of pension to Henry Wheeler;

An act (S. 3502) granting an increase of pension to Joseph W. Willis;

An act (S. 3640) granting an increase of pension to John S. Stevens;

An act (S. 3791) granting an increase of pension to Edwin J. Tenney;

An act (S. 4417) granting an increase of pension to Chadbourne H. Warren;

An act (S. 4690) granting an increase of pension to Andrew W. Switzer;

An act (S. 5416) granting an increase of pension to James A. Hopson;

An act (S. 5423) granting an increase of pension to Ellen J. Morton;

An act (S. 5492) granting an increase of pension to Mary T. Holden; and

An act (S. 5556) granting an increase of pension to Sarah A. Hoback.

The message also announced that the President had on the 20th instant approved and signed an act (S. 2114) to fix the rank of certain officers in the Army.

The message further announced that the President had on this day approved and signed an act (S. 708) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize the building of a bridge across Thief River, in the State of Minnesota.

Mr. LODGE. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses, until Wednesday, January 4, 1905, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 1904.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father, ever near to us, we draw near to Thee with inexpressible gratitude for life and all its attendant blessings—the golden fields of harvest which feed the body, the vast fields of knowledge which feed the mind, the rich fields of religion which feed the soul and make for righteousness.

At this season of the year we turn to Thee with peculiar gratitude for that greatest of all revelations which came to us in the incomparable life and character of Thy Son, who taught us to say Our Father, which makes the whole world akin. Help us, we beseech Thee, to hallow Thy name by living these eternal truths that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Be very near to each of us, O God, our heavenly Father, as we separate for a little while to go to our homes, the dearest spot on earth, in remembrance of Thine own best gift to the world, and may we by our generosity and kindness to our loved ones, our friends, and especially to those who are less fortunate than we, get a little nearer to the Christ life, and bring us together again without the loss of any, richer, nobler, purer to do Thy work, and everlasting praise shall be Thine through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of Monday last was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Sundry messages, in writing, from the President of the United States were communicated to the House of Representatives by Mr. FORSTER, one of his secretaries, who also informed the House of Representatives that the President had approved and signed joint resolution of the following title:

On December 17, 1904:

H. J. Res. 176. Joint resolution to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives their respective salaries for the month of December, 1904, on the 20th day of said month.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

Mr. WACHTER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles; when the Speaker signed the same:

H. R. 16445. An act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 15590. An act to amend an act approved April 26, 1904, entitled "An act to enable the Secretary of War to permit the erection of a lock and dam in aid of navigation in the Tennessee River near Chattanooga, Tenn., and for other purposes."

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Commissioner of Corporations, covering the period from the organization of the Bureau to June 30, 1904.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, December 21, 1904.

NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, and ordered to be printed:

The Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, for your consideration, a report and recommendations from the Secretary of State of the United States on the subject of the naturalization of aliens in the United States.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, December 21, 1904.

PERMITS FOR COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES.

Mr. MORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to call up for passage Senate joint resolution No. 84, authorizing the granting of permits to the committee on inaugural ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect on March 4, 1905, etc.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the title.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate joint resolution 84, authorizing the granting of permits to the committee on inaugural ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect on March 4, 1905, etc.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Pennsylvania asks unanimous consent for the present consideration of the Senate joint resolution. Is there objection?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the resolution be reported, so that we can understand what it is.

The SPEAKER. The resolution has already been reported and considered by the House. Does the gentleman desire more than the title reported?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. We can not tell by the title what is contained in it.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Alabama asks unanimous consent that the resolution may again be reported.

Mr. MORRELL. Mr. Speaker, before the resolution is again reported I would like to state that it is the resolution exactly as it came from the Senate. Having consulted with the members of the District of Columbia Committee, in view of the very evident desire of the House—

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Do I understand, Mr. Speaker, that the Chair holds that the reporting of the title of a resolution is reporting the resolution to the House?

The SPEAKER. By no manner of means. The Chair was under the impression, without considering the matter particularly, that on the consideration of a House bill touching the same subject it was read in full; but the Chair overlooked the fact that this is a Senate joint resolution. It has not been read in the full House, so that, without unanimous consent, the gentleman is entitled to have it reported, and in the judgment of the Chair it ought to be reported.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I do not know that there is any objection in the world to the resolution—

The SPEAKER. If the gentleman from Alabama will permit the Chair to conclude—unless objection is made to its consideration prior to its being reported, and objection can be made if any Member desires to make it when the title is read, or the objection could be made after the joint resolution is read.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I would say to the Chair that I do not know that I have any objection to the resolution, but in these unanimous-consent cases, where it commits every Member of the House to the proposition, I think the best practice is to have the resolution read.

The SPEAKER. The Chair quite agrees with the gentleman from Alabama, and without unanimous consent it is the right of any Member to demand the reading of the resolution; and, as it has not been read before, the Chair, upon his own motion, would direct the reading of it.

The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, etc., That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to grant a permit to the committee on inaugural ceremonies for the use of the Pension building, in the city of Washington, on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect on the 4th day of March, 1905, subject to such restrictions and regulations as the said Secretary may prescribe in respect of the period and manner of such use.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to grant permits, under such restrictions as he may deem necessary, to the committee on inaugural ceremonies for the use of any reservations or other public spaces in the city of Washington on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect on the 4th day of March, 1905, which, in his opinion, will inflict no serious or permanent injuries upon such reservations or public spaces or statutory thereon, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may designate for such and other purposes on the occasion aforesaid such streets, avenues, and sidewalks in said city of Washington as they may deem proper and necessary: *Provided, however,* That all stands or platforms that may be erected on the public spaces aforesaid shall be under the supervision of the said inaugural committee and in accordance with the plans and designs to be approved by the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, the officer

in charge of public buildings and grounds, and the Superintendent of the United States Capitol Building and Grounds: *And provided further,* That the reservations or public spaces occupied by the stands or other structures shall be restored to their original condition before such occupation, and that the inaugural committee shall indemnify the War Department for any damage to structures of any kind whatsoever upon such reservation or spaces.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit the committee on illumination of the inaugural committee for the inaugural ceremonies, March, 1905, to stretch suitable overhead conductors, with sufficient supports wherever necessary and in the nearest practicable connection with the present supply of light, for the purpose of effecting the said illumination: *Provided,* That if it shall be necessary to erect wires for illumination purposes over any park or reservation in the District of Columbia, the work of erection and removal of said wires shall be under the supervision of the official in charge of said park or reservation: *Provided further,* That the said conductors shall not be used for the conveying of electrical currents after March 7, 1905, and shall, with their supports, be fully and entirely removed from the streets and avenues of the said city of Washington on or before March 15, 1905: *Provided further,* That the stretching and removing of the said wires shall be under the supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall see that the provisions of this resolution are enforced; that all needful precautions are taken for the protection of the public, and that the pavement of any street, avenue, or alley disturbed is replaced in as good condition as before entering upon the work herein authorized: *Provided further,* That no expense or damage on account of or due to the stretching, operation, or removing of the said temporary overhead conductors shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. That \$18,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, payable from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and from the revenues of the District of Columbia in equal parts, is hereby appropriated to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to maintain public order and protect life and property in said District from the 28th of February to the 10th of March, 1905, both inclusive. Said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make all reasonable regulations necessary to secure such preservation of public order and protection of life and property and fixing fares by public conveyance and to make special regulations respecting the standing, movements, and operating of vehicles of whatsoever character or kind during said period. Such regulations shall be in force one week prior to said inauguration, during said inauguration, and one week subsequent thereto, and shall be published in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia; and no penalty prescribed for the violation of any of such regulations shall be enforced until five days after such publication. Any person violating any of such regulations shall be liable for each such offense to a fine not to exceed \$100, in the police court of said District, and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment in the workhouse of said District for not longer than sixty days. And the sum of \$2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby likewise appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the construction, maintenance, and expenses incident to the operation of temporary public-comfort stations and information booths during the period aforesaid.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy be, and they are hereby, authorized to loan to the committee on inaugural ceremonies such ensigns, flags, and so forth, belonging to the Government of the United States (except battle flags) that are not now in use and may be suitable and proper for decoration and may, in their judgment, be spared without detriment to the public service, such flags to be used in connection with said ceremonies by said committee under such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the said Secretaries, or either of them, in decorating the fronts of public buildings and other places on the line of march between the Capitol and the Executive Mansion and the interior of the reception hall: *Provided,* That the loan of the said ensigns, flags, signal numbers, and so forth, to said chairman shall not take place prior to the 28th day of February, and they shall be returned by him by the 10th day of March, 1905: *Provided further,* That the said committee shall indemnify the said Departments, or either of them, for any loss or damage to such flags not necessarily incident to such use. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to loan to the inaugural committee, for the purpose of caring for the sick, injured, and infirm on the occasion of the inauguration of the President of the United States, March 4, 1905, such hospital tents and camp appliances and other necessities, hospital furniture, and utensils of all descriptions, ambulances, horses, drivers, stretchers, and Red Cross flags and poles belonging to the Government of the United States as in his judgment may be spared and are not in use by the Government at the time of the inauguration: *Provided,* That the inaugural committee shall indemnify the War Department for any loss or damage to such hospital tents and appliances as aforesaid not necessarily incident to such use.

SEC. 6. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to permit the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company to extend overhead wires into the Pension building and to such points along the line of parade as shall be deemed by the chief marshal convenient for use in connection with the parade and other inaugural purposes, the said wires to be taken down within ten days after the conclusion of the ceremonies on the 4th day of March, 1905.

SEC. 7. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to issue to steam railroad companies in said District permits to temporarily occupy additional parts of the streets for the purpose of accommodating the traveling public attending the inaugural ceremonies in March, 1905: *Provided,* That such temporary occupation shall not exceed the period of fifteen days and shall be subject to conditions prescribed by said Commissioners: *Provided further,* That no temporary tracks shall be laid upon or over any of the parks of the city.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the right to object.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi rise.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois reserves the right to object. For what purpose does the gentleman from Mississippi rise?

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, reserving also the right to object, I wish to call the attention of the House to the fact that the other day when this matter was under consider-

ation unanimous consent was granted to amend by requiring a bond with proper security, to be approved by the Secretary of War, to be given in order to enforce compliance with the requirements of the resolution. I therefore now suggest to the gentleman in charge of the bill, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL], that the words "and provided that a bond with security, approved by the Secretary of War, to comply with the foregoing requirements be required" be inserted at the end of section 2, which is where it would properly follow.

Mr. MORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I accept the amendment suggested by the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Pennsylvania a question in reference to this resolution. I would ask what committee reported this resolution to the House?

Mr. MORRELL. The original resolution with the amendments in the shape of a substitute was reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Was that the bill which was called up by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL] several days ago on a motion to suspend the rules, and on which the House refused to suspend the rules?

Mr. MORRELL. Yes; that is the bill.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Well, as that resolution, amended as it was by the Committee on the District of Columbia, came up and the House refused to suspend the rules, it went back to the Calendar still in the state it came from the committee, with the proposition to hold the ball in the Capitol instead of in the Pension building, did it not?

Mr. MORRELL. Yes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I desire to know whether the committee has taken any action since that time, or if it has authorized the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL] to call this matter up and present the Senate resolution instead of the resolution that was agreed upon by the Committee on the District of Columbia?

Mr. MORRELL. The committee was unable to have a formal meeting; but I have seen the members of the committee, and from a poll of those members have been instructed to ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the Senate resolution.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I would ask the gentleman if he can inform me how many members of the Committee on the District of Columbia have been in town since the day before yesterday, when the House refused to allow this matter to be considered?

Mr. MORRELL. There were ten members that I was able to see.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Will the gentleman favor me with the names of the members who agreed outside of the committee to this proposition?

Mr. MORRELL. Messrs. SAMUEL W. SMITH, ALLEN, WADSWORTH, MORRELL, MORGAN, SLEMP, DAVIS of Minnesota, WILEY of New Jersey, MEYER of Louisiana, and POY.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. There has been no formal meeting?

Mr. MORRELL. There has been no formal meeting of the committee; it was impossible to get one.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. And the absentee members do not know that it is now proposed to change the proposition which came from the committee?

Mr. MORRELL. No; of course it would be impossible for them to know that, but in view of the discussion which was held before the committee when this matter came up I am of the opinion that the members of the committee who are not here would be very willing to have the Senate resolution substituted for the House resolution, particularly in view of the importance attached by the gentlemen in charge of this civic demonstration to having a decision arrived at at once. The matter was very thoroughly discussed by the committee at the time, and I think the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. DAVIS], a member of the committee, will bear me out in the conclusion that I have stated.

Mr. DAVIS of Minnesota. I do, Mr. Speaker, most emphatically.

Mr. MORRELL. And I would also call upon the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. MEYER], who was present and who knows what the temper of the committee was.

Mr. MEYER of Louisiana. Yes; that is so.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Pennsylvania will permit, I understand that this is coming on now by unanimous consent, and I would like to make a parliamentary inquiry, which is this: If unanimous consent is given for the consideration of this bill, would it then be in order to raise the question of consideration in the House—that is, without first objecting to unanimous consent, so that the whole House may determine whether they shall consider a bill re-

ported under these circumstances? In other words, if I do not object, may I then raise the question of consideration?

The SPEAKER. This is a request for unanimous consent to consider a bill. The Chair knows nothing of any bill or resolution except the Senate resolution with the amendments as reported from the Committee on the District of Columbia, and the Chair has not caused them to be read, but if unanimous consent should be given, it would be touching a bill in existence, and that is on the files of the House with proposed amendments reported from the Committee on the District of Columbia. Now, if unanimous consent for consideration is given for this bill, it seems to the Chair that the gentleman could not then raise the question of consideration, because that would seek to immediately undo what had been done by the House.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I am inclined to think the Chair is correct in the ruling. I merely wanted to know what my position was in the matter. I will say this to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MORRELL], that I do not wish to be placed in the position of objecting to a bill of this kind for the inauguration of a President who belongs to an opposite political party than the one to which I belong. I think it would look inopportune and in bad taste for a direct objection to this bill to come from this side of the House, and therefore I do not propose to raise an objection to this bill for that reason myself, but I wish to say that I do not think it is a proper way to present a bill of this kind with a serious matter involved. Over three years ago by law the Congress of the United States notified these inaugural committees and the people of Washington that they must provide some place to hold this inaugural ball without endangering the public buildings here. If the Pension building was burned down it would destroy records there that could not be replaced. It would destroy evidence that might deprive hundreds and thousands of soldiers of their pension rights, and I think it is a very serious question to present to this House in this way, without a quorum at this time, when a large number of the Members have left here and when nearly one-half of the committee which reported the bill are not here, and the gentleman from Pennsylvania proposes to make an entire change of tactics and ask to do something that the committee reported against. Now, I think, under these circumstances, the House ought not to consider this bill at this time, as there will be plenty of time after the Christmas holidays, and it is only because I do not think it is in good taste for an objection to this particular bill to come from this side of the House that I do not raise a personal objection to it myself.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the joint resolution?

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, if I may I would like to ask the gentleman from Pennsylvania a question or two, if he is willing. As I understand, the Committee on the District of Columbia first voted in favor of the Library of Congress, and so reported the resolution. Is that correct?

Mr. MORRELL. Yes, sir; that is correct.

Mr. MANN. And then they switched and voted for the Capitol. Is that correct?

Mr. MORRELL. That is correct; yes.

Mr. MANN. Now they switch and vote for the Pension Office.

Mr. MORRELL. That action was taken by the committee, I will inform the gentleman, on account of the very evident disposition of the House day before yesterday, when this bill was under consideration, in favor of the Pension building, and it was only in view of the fact that I had received, being in charge of this bill, specific directions to report the bill with an amendment in the shape of a substitute that I did not agree to the request which was made by the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. MANN. Well, of course the gentleman understands very well I am not making any criticism of his action in the matter, but did the gentleman understand the other day that the people who voted against this proposition voted against it only because they were in favor of the Pension Office as against the Capitol?

Mr. MORRELL. No; some were evidently against any building being used, and I might say personally I am on principle opposed to having any Government building used myself, but at this time no other building is available, and it was, as I stated before, evident, very evident from the disposition which the House manifested day before yesterday, that they desired the Pension building.

Mr. MANN. The gentleman gives his opinion. I would disagree with the gentleman.

Mr. MORRELL. That was my opinion.

Mr. MANN. Does not the gentleman think that if the members of the Committee on the District of Columbia, which has

charge of this matter in the House, change their minds three times in the course of three or four days, that the membership of the House ought to have a chance to express its opinion. And at the present time there is not one-quarter of the membership of the House here.

Mr. MORRELL. By all manner of means. I have no objection to having as much discussion of the resolution as desired.

Mr. MANN. The gentleman understands that there is not 25 per cent of the membership of the House in the Chamber.

Now, will the gentleman turn to page 4 of the resolution and give a little light to me? I find this provision as reported to the House, on line 11, page 4:

Said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make all reasonable regulations necessary to secure such preservation of public order and protection of life and property and fixing fares by public conveyance and to make special regulations respecting the standing, movements, and operating of vehicles of whatsoever character or kind during said period.

Does not the gentleman understand that under that provision it is within the power of the District Commissioners to increase the cab fare as well as street-car fare? Probably they would not increase the street-car fare.

Mr. MORRELL. I think, Mr. Speaker, in view of the high character of the gentlemen who compose the Commission, that in all probability—in fact, I am sure—they would not do anything which would be unjust to the people who come here at the time of the inauguration.

Mr. MANN. Well, that is all right. The gentleman answers in a very good way, from his standpoint. What I want to know is whether the provision of this resolution authorizes the District Commissioners to increase the cab fare while our people from outside the District are here during that week; and if it does not, what is its purpose?

Mr. MORRELL. It was not done, I presume, with the idea of increasing the fare, but to keep the cabmen from overcharging those who come here.

Mr. MANN. But that could not be possible, I would state, because the statute now regulates the fare. Here we have a proposition giving to the Commissioners a right to change that and fix the fare, and we all know what will be the result, I will say to the gentleman.

Mr. MORRELL. Well, then, if the gentleman will make a motion to strike that out I will agree.

Mr. ALEXANDER. What would be the result if any change was made by the Commissioners?

Mr. MANN. I can not hear what the gentleman said.

Mr. ALEXANDER. You say you know what the result would be. What would it be?

Mr. MANN. I think that the result will be that cab fares will be doubled or trebled.

A MEMBER. Oh!

Mr. MANN. What other purpose is there in having such a provision in the resolution?

Mr. ALEXANDER. My opinion is that they would be regulated so that they could not double the fare.

Mr. MANN. They are already regulated; but this proposes to change the regulations we have already and give to the Commissioners the power to fix the fare. That is what it says in the resolution.

Mr. OLMSTED. What would prevent the House, when the resolution is under consideration, from providing that they shall not be increased?

Mr. MANN. The gentleman from Pennsylvania knows very well that it is not practicable, as a rule, to make such amendments to the language of a bill in the House. The committees are the proper places to do it; and in view of the fact that this resolution comes back to the House three times changed—

Mr. OLMSTED. Whatever was done in committee would not be effective unless passed by the House. I am sure no gentleman here wants the rates of fare increased, and I know for myself, once having had to pay \$20 for a carriage to attend an inaugural ball, I do not want it any higher, and I will join with the gentleman in putting in such a limitation as he suggests.

Mr. MANN. I have great confidence in the Committee on the District of Columbia and their ability to perfect this resolution and put it in proper shape, notwithstanding the fact that they have changed their minds, and I therefore object.

The SPEAKER. Objection is made by the gentleman from Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Mr. DALZELL. I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 4, 1905, at 12 o'clock m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, the following executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor submitting an estimate of appropriation for a light-house near Southwest bar shoals, Chesapeake Bay—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Secretary of Agriculture submitting an estimate of appropriation for the Bureau of Animal Industry—to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the Postmaster-General, transmitting a report of the finances of the Department with detailed report of expenditures from the contingent fund, etc.—to the Committee on Expenditures in the Post-Office Department.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the ship *Venus*, Henry Dashiell, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the brig *Pilgrim*, Priam Pease, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the ship *Cincinnati*, William Martin, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the brig *General Warren*, Issacher Stowell, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the brigantine *Eliza*, Thomas Woodbury, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the ship *Ceres*, Rothwell Roath, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the ketch *John*, Henry Tibbetts, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the sloop *Hawk*, Joseph Hart, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the brig *Neptune*, Hezekiah Flint, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the schooner *Lucy*, Eliakim Benham, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the ship *Sally Butler*, Alexander Chisolm, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the conclusions of fact and law in the French spoliation cases relating to the sloop *Two Friends*, Peter Pond, master—to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Eliza W. Harper, administratrix of estate of Thomas J. Whitman, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Noah Folts against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Benjamin F. Lillard, administrator of estate of Benjamin Lillard, against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

A letter from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a copy of the findings filed by the court in the case of Lawrence H. Rousseau, Carrie M. Boone, Oliver P. Anderson, Jacob Bedtelyou, William B. Britton, Alfred A. Garlock, Samuel E. Hill, Maria Kerby, Elizabeth B. Waller, John H. Ward, and John S. White against The United States—to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 2 of Rule XIII,

Mr. FOSS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill of the House (H. R. 10137) to establish a naval militia and define its relations to the General Government, reported the same with amendment, accompanied by a report (No. 3148); which said bill and report were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXII, the Committee on Invalid Pensions was discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. 16133) granting a pension to Thomas J. Gibbs, and the same was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

PUBLIC BILLS, PETITIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. HENRY of Connecticut: A bill (H. R. 16907) to secure the use of the United States rural mail equipment and to place the rural service on a paying basis—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. JENKINS: A bill (H. R. 16908) to amend section 5398 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BASSETT: A bill (H. R. 16909) authorizing the purchase or acquirement of land adjoining the Fort Hamilton Reservation, New York City—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BOWERS: A bill (H. R. 16910) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Gulfport, in the State of Mississippi—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. TAWNEY: A bill (H. R. 16911) providing for a tax on wood alcohol—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREGG: A bill (H. R. 16912) to create a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas and to provide for terms of court at Palestine, Tex., and for other purposes—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEPBURN: A bill (H. R. 16913) to provide a leprosarium for the segregation of lepers and to prevent the spread of leprosy in the United States—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16914) to provide for the investigation of leprosy with special reference to the care and treatment of lepers in Hawaii—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. NORRIS: A bill (H. R. 16915) limiting the hours of labor for railroad employees—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. DENNY: A bill (H. R. 16916) to amend section 5480 of the Revised Statutes of the United States—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN: A bill (H. R. 16917) to provide for condemning of the land necessary for joining Kalorama avenue and Prescott place—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. BEDE: A bill (H. R. 16918) authorizing the Zenith Terminal Company to construct a bridge over the St. Louis River—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BONYNGE: A bill (H. R. 16919) to amend the homestead laws as to certain unappropriated and unreserved lands in Colorado—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. REEDER: A bill (H. R. 16966) granting relief to certain persons in the military and naval service of the United States during the period of the war of the rebellion—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SCUDDER: A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 182) directing the Secretary of War to submit plans and estimates for the improvement of the inlet to Three-mile Harbor, in

town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, N. Y.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. LIVINGSTON: A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 183) fixing the date of the election of electors for President and Vice-President and Representatives in Congress, and the date for the assembling of Congress—to the Committee on Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BENTON: A bill (H. R. 16920) granting an increase of pension to Stilwell Truax—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16921) granting an increase of pension to Edward Weiford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16922) granting an increase of pension to John C. Baber—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BARTLETT: A bill (H. R. 16923) granting an increase of pension to Laura C. De Vane—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16924) granting a pension to Edward Ousley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BONYNGE: A bill (H. R. 16925) granting an increase of pension to Harriet Williams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16926) granting an increase of pension to Van B. Straight—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CALDERHEAD: A bill (H. R. 16927) granting a pension to Mary Soupene—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CONNER: A bill (H. R. 16928) granting an increase of pension to Edward Prentice—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16929) granting an increase of pension to John Moore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COOPER of Wisconsin: A bill (H. R. 16930) granting a pension to Eliza Farnsworth—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DICKERMAN: A bill (H. R. 16931) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth Gething—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16932) granting a pension to Louisa E. Cummings—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16933) granting a pension to Mary E. Kline—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16934) granting prize money to George W. Cromis—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. FRENCH: A bill (H. R. 16935) granting a pension to Julius C. Crimder—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GAINES of West Virginia: A bill (H. R. 16936) granting an increase of pension to James P. King—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16937) granting an increase of pension to John T. Haskins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16938) for the relief of America Lawrence—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GIBSON: A bill (H. R. 16939) granting an increase of pension to Alfred Rowan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16940) granting an increase of pension to Henry Hill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16941) granting an increase of pension to Gilbert W. Underdown—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16942) for the relief of the personal representatives of John Gates, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. GILLET of New York: A bill (H. R. 16943) granting an increase of pension to Lucy E. Rumer—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GRANGER: A bill (H. R. 16944) to remove the charge of desertion against William H. Springer, late a private in Battery H, First Rhode Island Light Artillery—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HARRISON: A bill (H. R. 16945) granting an increase of pension to Alvin B. Franklin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BRADLEY: A bill (H. R. 16946) granting an increase of pension to William Huddleson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HASKINS: A bill (H. R. 16947) granting an increase of pension to Nathaniel C. Sawyer—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HEDGE: A bill (H. R. 16948) granting an increase of pension to Julius Cox—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HEMENWAY: A bill (H. R. 16949) granting a pension to Amos Martin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HILDEBRANT: A bill (H. R. 16950) for the relief of Nicholas Welter—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HOGG: A bill (H. R. 16951) granting a pension to Levi Williams—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16952) granting an increase of pension to Henry Pierpoint—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HOUSTON: A bill (H. R. 16953) granting an increase of pension to John Ryan—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. HUGHES of West Virginia: A bill (H. R. 16954) granting an increase of pension to Hamilton L. Dickey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MINOR: A bill (H. R. 16955) granting an increase of pension to Frederick Green—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MOON of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 16956) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Uhl—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MUDD: A bill (H. R. 16957) granting an increase of pension to Juliette L. Davidson—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. MCCREARY of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 16958) for the relief of Henry H. Bellas—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PAYNE: A bill (H. R. 16959) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Wilde—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PEARRE: A bill (H. R. 16960) granting an increase of pension to Dominick Arnold—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16961) granting an increase of pension to Lydia McCardell—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BUTLER of Pennsylvania: A bill (H. R. 16962) granting an increase of pension to James J. Creigh—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RAINEY: A bill (H. R. 16963) granting a pension to Jane Elizabeth Simpson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. REEDER: A bill (H. R. 16964) granting an increase of pension to Sires B. Miller—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16965) granting an increase of pension to D. T. Morgan—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 16967) granting an increase of pension to Andrew R. McCurdy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RODENBERG: A bill (H. R. 16968) granting an increase of pension to John H. Ladd—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16969) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Frederick Reck—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RIXEY: A bill (H. R. 16970) granting a pension to William F. Myers—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: A bill (H. R. 16971) to grant an honorable discharge from the military service of the United States to Henry Schwethelm—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER: A bill (H. R. 16972) granting a pension to John N. Bayles—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILSON of Illinois: A bill (H. R. 16973) granting an increase of pension to Simon Millison—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 16974) to grant an honorable discharge to James C. Thorpe, and to pay a pension of \$20 a month to his widow, Elizabeth I. Thorpe—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. CLAYTON: A bill (H. R. 16975) for the relief of the administrators, as such, of the estate of Ira T. Jordan, deceased—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. EMERICH: A bill (H. R. 16976) granting an increase of pension to Francis M. Baker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Petition of citizens of Toledo, Ohio, in favor of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, memorial of Charley Sheppards and 18 other residents of Indian Territory, remonstrating against the medical registration law—to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, petition of Kent & Purdy Paint Company, in favor of amending the customs-drawback law—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, William H. Anderson, superintendent, in favor of restricting liquor regulations in the Territories now included in the statehood bill—to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, petition of the Whittier Citrus Union, in favor of the Hearst bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of Henry Adams, chairman of the committee on Freedman's Bank, for relief in the adjustment of the affairs of the defunct Freedman's Bank—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, petition of the Commercial Association of Danville, Va., in favor of enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of C. B. Champion, of Antwerp, Ohio, in favor of the Hearst bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of members of Jersey City Subdivision, No. 53, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, asking aid in prohibiting the excessive hours that locomotive engineers on many railroads are now held on duty—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition of business men and citizens of Kansas City, Mo., in favor of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. ACHESON: Petition of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, for the amendment of the Hamilton statehood bill so as to protect the Indians from the drink peril—to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, resolution of the Oakland Board of Trade, of Pittsburg, Pa., in favor of river improvements—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. ALEXANDER: Petition of citizens of Buffalo, in favor of bill H. R. 13778—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BARTHOLOMT: Resolution of St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, in favor of the arbitration treaties of a second peace conference at The Hague—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BARTLETT: Affidavit of J. H. Holmes, in matter to accompany bill granting pension to Edward Ousley—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BENTON: Papers in support of bill granting an increase of pension to Stilwell Truax—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers in support of bill granting an increase of pension to John C. Baker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill granting an increase of pension to Edward Neiford—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CAPRON: Report of the United States engineers and resolutions adopted by commercial organizations, favoring the completion of the national harbor of refuge at Point Judith—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Central Falls, R. I., protesting against the exclusion of the word "sex" from the statehood bill—to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: Resolution of the Kaw Valley Commercial Club, in favor of improvement of the mouth of Kansas River—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, petition asking for passage of Hearst bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, resolution of the Illinois Lumber Dealers' Association, indorsing bill to regulate interstate commerce—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. BURLEIGH: Petition of Rainbow Grange, No. 203; Nerona Grange, No. 206, and Pamola Grange, No. 265, all of Hancock County, Me., in favor of establishing a Bureau of Public Highways—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CONNELL: Resolution of the Illinois Lumber Dealers' Association, urging the passage of the Cooper-Quarles bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, resolution of the Scranton Board of Trade, indorsing resolutions adopted by the Interstate Commercial Law Convention, held at St. Louis October 28 and 29, 1904, urging the early passage of the Cooper-Quarles bill (H. R. 6273)—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. DE ARMOND: Petition of Sharon Presbyterian Church, of Cass County, Mo., in favor of further restriction of the liquor traffic—to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, additional evidence to accompany bill for the relief of Lyda P. Kelley—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, petition of the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Mo.—John H. Bright, moderator; J. G. Middlecoff, clerk—relating to interstate gambling by telegraph—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, papers to accompany bill for the relief of Henry Mountz—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DOVENER: Petition protesting against the word "sex" in the statehood bill—to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. FRENCH: Resolution of the Interstate Commerce Law Convention, favoring enlarging the powers of Interstate Commerce Commission—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HEARST: Petition of farmers and ranchmen of Wheatland and Chugwater, Wyo., asking for the enactment of bill H. R. 13778, known as the "Hearst bill"—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HILDEBRANT: Papers to accompany bill for the relief of Nicholas Nelter—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HINSHAW: Petition of the Illinois Lumber Dealers' Association, in favor of the Hearst bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. HITT: Petition of Bracken Brothers, of Polo, Ill., in favor of rural free delivery parcels post for local retail dealers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. HOUSTON: Petition of the committee on philanthropic work of the Wilmington Monthly Meeting of Friends, in favor of Hepburn-Dolliver bill—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTER: Resolution of Pennsylvania Dairy Union, in favor of the Adams bill, to increase the appropriation for agricultural experiment stations—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of the Outdoor Art League of California, in favor of the Calaveras big-tree bill—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, petition of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, of Pittsburg, in favor of the pneumatic-tube service—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Affidavits to accompany bill granting a pension to Andrew R. McCurdy—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RYAN: Petition of the Outdoor Art League, favoring the Calaveras big-tree bill—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, resolution of the Illinois Lumber Dealers' Association, favoring bill to regulate interstate transportation—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. SLAYDEN: Papers to accompany bill to correct the military record of Schwethelm—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WANGER: Resolution of the Druggists' Association of Montgomery County, Pa., in favor of bills S. 198, H. R. 9303, S. 3984, H. R. 12646, and H. R. 13679, and against bill H. R. 9302 and those pending for a parcels post—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, resolution of Pennsylvania Dairy Union, in favor of bill H. R. 8678—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WOOD: Petition of citizens of Somerset County, in favor of bill H. R. 13778—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. WYNN: Resolution of the commercial organizations of San Francisco, urging the adoption of a pneumatic-tube service for mail delivery in San Francisco—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, January 4, 1905.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. EDWARD E. HALE.

PARIS GIBSON, a Senator from the State of Montana, and HENRY M. TELLER, a Senator from the State of Colorado, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, December 21, 1904, was read and approved.

NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PERKINS) laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was read, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Immigration, and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith for your consideration a report and recommendations from the Secretary of State of the United States on the subject of the naturalization of aliens in the United States.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, December 21, 1904.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was read, and, with the accompanying paper, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Commissioner of Corporations, covering the period from the organization of the Bureau to June 30, 1904.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, December 21, 1904.

ELECTORAL VOTES.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate communications from the Secretary of State, transmitting the final ascertainment of electors for President and Vice-President for the States of North Carolina, New Jersey, Nebraska, Idaho, Iowa, Wyoming, Indiana, New York, Utah, Massachusetts, Montana, Missouri, Maine, and Oregon; which, with the accompanying papers, were ordered to be filed.

CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the present condition of the work of construction of public buildings under the charge of the Treasury Department; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture relative to an appropriation of \$150,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation "General expenses," Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, etc.; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF PORTO RICO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting pursuant to law the annual report of the attorney-general of Porto Rico; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, and ordered to be printed.

INTRODUCTION OF REINDEER IN ALASKA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in response to a resolution of the 12th ultimo, the report of Dr. Sheldon Jackson upon "Introduction of Domestic Reindeer in the District of Alaska;" which, on motion of Mr. NELSON, was, with the accompanying report and maps, referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Director of the Bureau of American Republics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904; which, with the accompanying paper, was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

POSTMASTERS IN IDAHO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Postmaster-General, transmitting, in response to a resolution of April 20, 1904, the report of Post-Office Inspector M. C. Fosnes, together with accompanying papers, upon the investigation made by him relative to postmasters in Idaho living in polygamy.

Mr. DUBOIS. I am not prepared to say now what, if any, action I shall desire to have taken upon the report. That is a matter for future consideration. I move that the communication and the accompanying report and papers be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads and printed.

The motion was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT AID TO EXPOSITIONS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in response to a resolution of December 4, 1903, a statement showing in detail all the sums appropriated by Congress since the beginning of the Government to the present time in aid of expositions and fairs, both international and local; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Industrial Expositions, and ordered to be printed.